

Attachment B

April 17, 2003

Miles Ferris, Chair
Sonoma County Water Agency Advisory Committee
69 Stony Circle
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear Miles:

I want to thank both you and Randy Poole for attending the April 16th meeting when the Windsor Town Council considered the Water Advisory Committee's invitation to Windsor to become a SCWA Contractor subject to certain conditions.

By a unanimous vote, the Town Council responded favorably to this invitation and authorized me to respond to your March 19th letter as follows:

- Windsor remains interested in participating as a party in the negotiations on a new master water supply agreement between the SCWA and Contractors.
- The Town agrees in principle to all of the conditions proposed by the WAC to allow Windsor to become a Contractor. However, the Town Council shares the concerns expressed earlier by the Town's representatives regarding the proposed \$2.3 million "buy-in" cost, as this cost has a significant financial impact on the customers served directly from the Santa Rosa Aqueduct. Windsor welcomes the opportunity to continue to discuss and consider other buy-in alternatives that would satisfy both the Town and the WAC.
- The Town Council did not add to or express any new concerns on the existing Framework Issues or the SCWA's latest response to these issues. Windsor's issues and concerns are included in Framework Issues and will hopefully be addressed in the new master water supply agreement. Other Contractors have expressed many of these same issues and concerns. The Town's representatives will continue to advocate for the issues and conditions that will benefit Windsor and the Russian River watershed in the continuing negotiations on a new master water supply agreement.

Very truly yours,

Paul Berlant
Town Manager

c: Town Council
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D. Monk
R. Poole
SCWA Water Contractors
Marin Municipal Water District